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Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic  
Treaty Organization.

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will celebrate its 60th anniversary at a summit to be held on April 4, 2009, in Kehl, Germany, and Strasbourg, France;

Whereas this summit will be held along the border of France and Germany to commemorate the historic post-war reconciliation in Europe that NATO has done so much to facilitate;

Whereas for 60 years, NATO has served as the preeminent organization to defend the territory of its member states against all external security threats;

Whereas the security of the United States is inseparably linked to the peace and stability of the European con-

continent by the participation of the United States in NATO;

Whereas the security of the United States has been significantly enhanced by the integration of security and military structures in the United States and Europe achieved by NATO;

Whereas NATO continues to promote a Europe that is whole, undivided, free, and at peace;

Whereas NATO continues to support an open-door policy of admitting states that can contribute to the promotion and protection of freedom, democracy, stability, and peace throughout Europe;

Whereas, since the end of the Cold War, NATO has continued to redefine and transform itself and to take on new missions, in order to ensure that each NATO member state can defend itself against emerging threats such as terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, instability caused by failed states, cyber attacks, piracy, and threats to global energy security;

Whereas NATO continues to help stabilize the Balkans through the deployment of troops to Kosovo;

Whereas NATO has deployed naval assets to the Gulf of Aden to address the growing threat of piracy in the region and to help protect the delivery of United Nations food assistance to Somalia;

Whereas after the 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington April 4, 1949 (TIAS 1964), was invoked for the first time in the history of the organization, and NATO deployed 50,000 troops from all 26 NATO member states to Afghanistan to respond to a dangerous in-

surgency and terrorist threat and to help re-build a shattered country;

Whereas the challenges that continue to be posed by the resurgence of the Taliban and the illicit drug trade in Afghanistan highlight the need for a sustained and strengthened NATO presence in Afghanistan;

Whereas NATO continues to enhance the security of Europe and the world by strengthening partnerships with countries around the world; and

Whereas Congress continues to support NATO, the leadership role of the United States Government in European security affairs, and the continued enlargement of NATO: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) celebrates the 60th anniversary of the  
3       North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

4               (2) reaffirms that the North Atlantic Treaty  
5       Organization is strong, enduring, and oriented for  
6       the challenges of the future; and

7               (3) expresses appreciation for—

8                       (A) the steadfast partnership between the  
9       North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the  
10      United States Government; and

11                  (B) the work of the North Atlantic Treaty  
12      Organization to ensure peace, security, and sta-  
13      bility in Europe and throughout the world.

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